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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: SEMI ANNUAL REPORT (JAN 1-JUNE 30/74) AND QUARTERLY
REPORT (APR 1-JUNE 30/74)

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1. THE FOL IS THE SEMI ANNUAL REPORT ON NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS
PER PARA 1 REF:

A. ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS: ONE PROJECT AGREEMENT 514-11-995-175 1
FOR AMOUNT US \$210,000 SIGNED IN JUNE 74 WITH COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS.
DESCRIPTION AS FOLS: VEHICLES, PASSENGER SEDAN, JEEP, PICKUP AND
MOTORCYCLE TYPE UP TO US \$90,000; BOATS, OUTBOARD AND INBOARD
LAUNCH TYPE UP TO US \$26,000; COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT UP TO US
\$80,000; BINOCULARS UP TO US \$3,500; NARCOTICS DETECTION EQUIP-
MENT UP TO US \$500 AND OTHER COST FUNDS UP TO US \$10,000.

B. NEW OBLIGATIONS: NO NEW OBLIGATIONS DURING THIS
REPORTING PERIOD.

C. TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT: FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED TO NATIONAL POLICE DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD AS
PROVIDED FOR IN FY73 PROAG: VEHICLES, 14 DODGE DARTS; OFFICE
EQUIPMENT, 2 TYPEWRITERS 24 IN.; 2 ELECTRIC CALCULATING MACHINES;
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2 TYPEWRITERS 15 IN.; STEEL FILING CABINETS 3 X5, 20 EA.;

STEEL FILING CABINETS (LEGAL SIZE) 50 EA.; COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, UHF/FM HANDIE TALKIE HT220 SERIES BASIC MODEL AND ACCESSORIES, 52 EA.; REPEATER, 5 EA.; BODY ARMOR (VEST), 10 EA.; BINOCULARS, 10 EA.; SHOTGUNS, 9 EA.; PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT, VALUE US \$692.50; NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT, VALUE US \$2,000.

D. SUPPORT COSTS: ONE DIRECT HIRE USAID NARCOTICS ADVISOR US \$17,000.

E. TRAINING: PEOPLE TRAINED IN US.: 6 USAID INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY, NARCOTICS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIZATION CRS. #2; 2 DEA 6 WEEK NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT CRS #5; 1 SPANISH LANGUAGE CLINICAL COURSE IN DRUG ABUSE, MIAMI; NO US SPONSORED IN COUNTRY COURSES CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

2. THE FOL IS THE QUARTERLY REPORT PER PARA 3 REF:

A. SUMMARY: ON JUNE 25/74 THE PRES SIGNED INTO EFFECT DECREE 1188, THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS STATUTE. THE STATUTE ESTABLISHES CONTROLS ON THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND ESTABLISHES PENALTIES FOR DRUG SELLERS AND USERS. DURING THE PERIOD A NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED 5 SUBJECTS, CONFISCATED 9 KILOS OF COCAINE AND REFUSED A BRIBE OF APPROX 326,000 PESOS (US \$12,000) TO RELEASE SUSPECTS. (BOGOTA 5049). NATIONAL POLICE F2 (DETECTIVE SECTION) IN A UNILATERAL OP SEIZED A COCAINE LAB CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 4 TO 5 KILOS OF COCAINE A WEEK. A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS FOR US\$210,000 WAS SIGNED (BOGOTA 4066). PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEMS IN COLOMBIA CONTINUED TO INCREASE SUPPORTED BY WIDESPREAD NEWSPAPER AND TV COVERAGE OF ARRESTS, SEIZURES AND OVERALL INFO ON GOV EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. AVIANCA AND SEVERAL OTHER NATIONAL AIRLINES CONTINUED TO PERIODICALLY RUN ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS URGING COLOMBIANS NOT TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE UTILIZED AS COURIERS OF ILLICIT DRUGS. A MAJOR NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "THE USE AND ABUSE OF DRUGS IN COLOMBIA" WAS CONDUCTED IN MEDELLIN IN MAY. THIRTY FOUR COLOMBIAN PROFESSIONALS FROM WIDELY DIVERGENT FIELDS, MEMBERS OF THE EMB NARCOTICS COMMITTEE AND A REP FROM THE WHITE HOUSE SAODAP PARTICIPATED IN THIS SEMINAR (BOGOTA 5049). A DRUG SEMINAR SPONSORED BY THE BI NATIONAL CENTER IN PEREIRA WAS ALSO HELD IN MAY (BOGOTA 5049).

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B. ABUSE: CONSISTENT DATA ON DRUG ABUSE IN COLOMBIA IS STILL LACKING; HOWEVER MOST DOCTORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE DRUG PROBLEM AGREE THAT DRUG ABUSE HAS INCREASED 40 TO 50 PER CENT OVER PAST 5 YEARS. VARIOUS CONCERNED AGENCIES SEE THE NEED FOR A DEFINITIVE SURVEY, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN COLOMBIAN RESOURCES FOR SUCH AN UNDERTAKING. ON AUG 7/74 PRES-ELECT DR AFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN WILL BE INAUGURATED. IT IS EXPECTED

THAT HE WILL NAME A NEW CHIEF OF DAS, DIRECTOR GEN OF CUSTOMS AND ATTORNEY GEN AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THESE AGENCIES. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME CHANGES IN THE STYLE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND EMBASSY ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT OUR OVERALL EFFORTS WILL BE HINDERED, OR THAT GOC COOPERATION WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS.

C. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: IN JAN 74 THL NATIONAL NARCOTICS COMMITTEE REQUESTED ALL "ALCALDES" (MAJORS) TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF THE COCA AND MARIJUANA PRODUCTION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. SOME MAYORS HAVE RESPONDED BUT THE RESULTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPILED AND RELEASED.

D. TRAFFICKING TRENDS: THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR CHANGES IN TRAFFICKING TRENDS DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. AT PRESENT SMUGGLING NARCOTICS OUT OF COLOMBIA VIA COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS IS SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT THAN IN THE PAST. AUTHORITIES SEARCHING FOR WEAPONS AND NARCOTICS AT MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS HAVE SERVED AS A DETERRENT EFFECT. HOWEVER PRIVATE AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS CONTINUE TO ENCOUNTER LITTLE OR NO DIFFICULTY IN SMUGGLING NARCOTICS FROM COLOMBIA.

E. ENFORCEMENT: ONE OF THE WEAKEST LINKS IN THE COLOMBIAN EFFORT TO CONTROL THE ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC AND ABUSE PROBLEM IS THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THIS SITUATION IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF IRRITATION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVT BY US EMB REPS. THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS COMMITTEE HAS STRENGTHENED ITS POSITION OF INFLUENCE IN THE EFFORTS OF ALL GOC ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE ILLICIT DRUG PROBLEM. LARGELY THROUGH THE NARCOTICS COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS THE RECENT NARCOTICS LEGISLATION (DECREE 1188) WAS ENACTED.

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THIS DECREE AMPLIFIES AND TIGHTENS UP PREVIOUS NARCOTICS LEGISLATION AND WILL HOPEFULLY LESSEN, TO SOME DEGREE THE VENALITY OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THE PRESENT NATIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT FROM 50 MEN TO 100. THE NATIONAL POLICE IS THE MOST ACTIVE AND RESPONSIVE AGENCY IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. THE COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE IS DEVELOPING A NARCOTICS UNIT, BUT DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS THE UNIT HAS NOT BECOME OPERATIVE BEYOND THE SELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS AND SEVERAL OF THE PERSONNEL. DAS CONTINUES TO BE RESPONSIVE IN THE EXPULSION OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. THROUGH JOINT DEA AND COLOMBIAN POLICE EFFORTS NINE DEA FUGITIVES HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM

COLOMBIA TO THE US DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS. COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS SEIZED 46,049 KILOS (K) OF COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE 27,000 COCAINE PLANTS 0.415 KILOS OF COCAINE LEAVES 5.0 NR KILOS OF PROCAINE AND ARRESTED 74 SUSPECTS IN THE PROCESS. THE AUTHORITIES ALSO SEIZED 2 COCAINE LABS. APPROX 139,495 KILOS OF MARIHUANA WERE SEIZED BY COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS WHO ALSO FOUND 0.45 KILOS OF HASHISH AND 0.65 K OF MARIHUANA OIL. THE OFFICIALS DESTROYED 1.25 HECTARES OF MARIHUANA, TOOK 2 LABS AND ARRESTED 432 SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION WITH MARIHUANA SEIZURES. THE AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED 3 BARBITURATE AND 22 AMPHETAMINE PILLS, ARRESTING 3 SUSPECTS AND SEIZED 1,110 DOSES OF LSD, ARRESTING 8 SUSPECTS. OF THESE ARRESTS AND SEIZURES

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DEA, IN BILATERAL OPS, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 41 ARRESTS AND THE SEIZURE OF 32,028 K OF COCAINE, 5 K OF PROCAINE, 500 UNITS OF LSD, 27,000 COCAINE PLANTS, AND 1 COCAINE LAB.

F. TREATMENT/REHABILITATION/EDUCATION: DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS, COLOMBIA HAS CONTINUED TO PROGRESS IN OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN COLOMBIA. A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, DOCTORS, PSYCHIATRISTS, LAWYERS AND JUDGES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A GROWING NATIONAL DISCUSSION OF THE DRUG PROBLEM. DECREE 1188 CENTRALIZES THE AUTHORITY FOR DRUG REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT UNDER THE MIN OF HEALTH THROUGH COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS COMMITTEE. THE DECREE ALSO ESTABLISHES THE NARCOTICS COMMITTEE AS THE COORDINATING GROUP FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE ONLY THREE REHABILITATION CENTERS IN COLOMBIA AND THESE ARE RUDIMENTARY. THE MIN OF HEALTH CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE SLOW PROGRESS DUE TO BUREAUCRATIC COMPLICATIONS AND LACK OF FUNDS

AND WILL LOOK TO THE US FOR FINANCIAL AND TECH ASSISTANCE.

G. TRAINING: REF PARA 1E. THE NATIONAL POLICE HAS AN ONGOING PROGRAM OF NARCOTICS FAMILIARIZATION COURSES IN ALL RECRUIT SCHOOLS AND JUDICIAL POLICE COURSES.

H. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: THE EXECUTIVE SECY OF THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS COMMITTEE AND A NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER WILL ATTEND A ONE MONTH DRUG SEMINAR IN TOKYO IN SEPT, 74. THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE PLANNING ANOTHER LATIN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINAR TO BE CONDUCTED IN COLOMBIA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

I. EMB AND HOST GOVT ACTIVITIES: DURING THE RECENT SIGNING OF THE CUSTOMS PROJECT AGREEMENT THE AMB MENTIONED THE CONTINUING HIGH PRIORITY WHICH USG ASSIGNS TO THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE MIN OF JUSTICE, WHO IS THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATOR FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE GOC IN THIS AREA. EMB AND DRUG COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND USIS HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN WRITTEN MATERIALS SUCH AS PAMPHLETS IN SPANISH FROM VARIOUS WASHINGTON OFFICES BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE EMB REGULARLY RECEIVES REQUESTS FROM HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS AND PROFESSIONALS FOR SUCH MATERIALS AND ANY HELP WASHINGTON COULD PROVIDE THE POST WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VAKY
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